Suggested Readings and Resources

**BOOKS**

**History & Politics:**
The Best of What We Are by John Brentlinger
Blood of Brothers: Life and War in Nicaragua by Stephen Kinzer and Merilee S. Grindle
Born in Blood and Fire: A Concise History of Latin America by John Charles Chasteen
The Country Under My Skin: A Memoir of Love and War by Gioconda Belli
The Death of Ben Linder by Joan Kruckewitt
In Focus Nicaragua: A Guide to the People, Politics and Culture by Hazel Plunkett
The Jaguar Smile: A Nicaraguan Journey by Salman Rushdie
Life is Hard: Machismo, Danger, and the Intimacy of Power in Nicaragua by Roger N. Lancaster
Nicaragua: A Decade of Revolution by L. Dematteis
Nicaragua: The Land of Sandino by T.W. Walker
Nicaragua: Living in the Shadow of the Eagle by Thomas Walker
Open Veins of Latin America by Eduardo Galeano
Sandanista: Carlos Fonseca and the Nicaraguan Revolution by Matilde Zimmerman
The Sandinistas Speak: Speeches and Writings of Nicaragua's Leaders by Tomás Borge, et al.
Sandino’s Daughters: Testimonies of Nicaraguan Women in Struggle by Margaret Randall
Turning the Tide: U.S. Intervention in Central America and the Struggle for Peace by Noam Chomsky
A Twilight Struggle: American Struggle and Nicaragua by R. Kagan
Unfinished Revolution: Daniel Ortega and Nicaragua’s Struggle for Liberation by Kenneth E. Morris
Where is Nicaragua? by Peter Davis

**Social Justice/Spirituality:**
Globalization, Spirituality, and Justice: Navigating the Path to Peace by Daniel Groody
The Gospels of Solentiname, 4 volumes by Ernesto Cardenal (a record of his communal bible studies in the Base Community of Solentiname, Nicaragua during the 1970’s revolutionary struggle)
Just Sustainabilities: Development in an Unequal World by Julian Agyeman
Stubborn Hope: Religion, Politics, and Revolution in Central America by Phillip Berryman
Toxic Charity: How Churches & Charities Hurt Those They Help (And How to Reverse It) by Robert Lupton  (note: this book is written from a Christian perspective, but the information and insights are also applicable in and useful to non faith-based contexts)
Unexpected News: Reading the Bible with Third World Eyes by Robert McAfee Brown

**MOVIES**

Under Fire- a historical fiction of the Nicaraguan Revolution
Romero - (about El Salvador, but gives a good sense of the Central American context at the time of the Nicaraguan Revolution)
Salvador- (about El Salvador, but gives a good sense of the Central American context at the time of the Nicaraguan Revolution)
Walker- a historical fiction done in Woody Allen style, over-drama about the man from the U.S. who declared himself President of Nicaragua in the 1860s, resulting in the first U.S. Marine invasion of that country

**WEBSITES**

Alliance for Global Justice:  [http://afgj.org](http://afgj.org)
Center for Economic and Policy Research: [http://www.cepr.net](http://www.cepr.net)
Human Rights Watch- Nicaragua: [http://www.hrw.org/americas/nicaragua](http://www.hrw.org/americas/nicaragua)
Marin Interfaith Taskforce on the Americas: [http://www.mitfamericas.org](http://www.mitfamericas.org)
North American Congress on Latin America: [https://nacla.org](https://nacla.org)
Nations Online: [http://www.nationsonline.org](http://www.nationsonline.org)
The Nicaragua Network: [http://www.nicanet.org](http://www.nicanet.org)
Upside Down World: [http://upsidedownworld.org/main](http://upsidedownworld.org/main)